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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the enhancement of bioavailability of chemotherapeutic agents for the treatment of disease. In particular the present invention relates to a method of enhancing the bioavailability of a chemotherapeutic agent comprising the step of administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of hyaluronan.